

Speedy Sextuplet Delivery Thanks to New Medical Device, Joey Clamp and Cutter, Maternus Medical

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SAN ANTONIO—(Business Wire / Health Wire)—April 9, 2002-- The record setting pace of the Headrick sextuplets in Wichita Kansas is at least partially due to a new medical device used in the delivery – the Joey Clamp & Cutter. To have six babies delivered in two minutes and four seconds is an amazing feat, one that had obstetricians around the country wondering if they heard the news correctly.

The medical team delivering the sextuplets had requested the new umbilical clamp and cutter (color coded for each baby) even though the device hadn't yet launched officially, although it has been used in deliveries across the country. It's ease of operation, one handed use, and the fact that it would save 12 steps during an incredibly complex delivery led the team to request the device early.

“We basically stopped everything to get Dr. Van R. Bohman and his team the clamps in plenty of time to work with them,” said Dr. Richard Watson, CEO/Medical Director, Maternus Medical, inventor of the Joey Clamp & Cutter. Dr. Watson, who works in the Wichita area, developed the device to do three things: shield the health care team from blood spray, enable one hand operation, and leave behind on the infant's remaining umbilical cord a cute little Joey faced clamp. For the Headrick delivery one other key element was necessary – identification of both baby and placenta.

The Maternus team found a way to color code the entire device to correspond with the system the hospital had developed. Jaycie received the green Joey, Melissa received a white one, Danielle received a purple one, Grant received a blue one, Sean received a yellow one and Ethan received a red one. Standard Joey Clamps and Cutters are purple, and when asked if special colors would be available for all deliveries, Ron Hicks, President of Maternus smiled. “For multiple births like this one, no problem.”

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